

WILLIAM-MARGARET  
WILSON 1770

Abraham Luke John Meadors Knatzner Robbins, (Halcomb-Salloway) Decatur Co  
Amelia, Green Briar, W. Va., Knox Co. Tenn, Breckenridge, Ky - Decatur, Ind. IN D

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# Hanks Family

## Central Kentucky

### William & Margaret Wilson Hanks

Excerpts from newspapers and other  
sources

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Henderson, Ky.  
Sept. 22, 1929.

Dr. Louis A. Warren:  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

Having learned that you are a student of the genealogy of the Lincoln family, I am asking if you can give me the names of the brothers and sisters of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and also her father's name. Do you know of anyone who has her family history or record of her ancestors. My great grandmother was a niece of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and I am very anxious to secure this information. Thanking you for any favor along this line. I am.

Respectfully

Mrs C R Galloway



Henderson, Ky.  
Sept 26, 1929

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Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
435 Powell Street  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

You may feel sure that I am intensely interested in your letter and especially anxious to know who your great-grandmother was.

If you can help in any way in assisting us to discover the name of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's father, it would be a real contribution to history.

Tradition says that his name was James but we have very little proof for that assertion.

It is not likely that Nancy Hanks had any full brothers or sisters, but she did have some half brothers and sisters.

If you will send me your great-grandmother's name I shall be pleased to advise you about her relation to Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Henderson, Ky.  
Sept. 20, 1929.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.  
Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of Sept 26. will say that my great grand mother's name was Elizabeth Hanks and her father's name was William Hanks. I do not have a written record of births, deaths or marriages but believe I can secure most of them as I have only been working on this a short time.

I am including a list of the names of my family, as far as I could secure from my Aunt, who is seventy five

years old. ~~One~~ I secured from  
a cousin of my grandmother.  
His name is John Hanks  
and he is eighty five years old.  
It has <sup>always</sup> been generally understood  
in our family that we were  
related to Nancy Hanks, but  
no one has ever felt the urge  
to trace it definitely and re-  
cure the dates & past records.

I am holding the names of  
others who live in my home  
County who have other valuable  
information concerning the  
Lincolns. I shall be glad to ex-  
change <sup>any</sup> information with you.  
Breckenridge County is my native  
County.



Thanking you for your  
prompt reply, I am,

Respectfully,  
Mrs. C. R. Galloway



My Mother was

Married

Laura B Carwile - A. N. McCay

My Grand Mother was

Rhoda Meador - B. W. Carwile

My great Grand Mother was

Elizabeth Hanks - Jubal Meador  
daughters

Elizabeth Tom Thomas

Margaret John

Rhoda William

James

My great great Grand Mother was

(not sure of this) -

Elizabeth - William Hanks  
daughters sons

Elizabeth - James

William

It is understood that Wm  
Hanks was a brother of Nancy  
Hanks. It seems very probable  
that their father's name was

James, as that name is  
carried down through each  
family. As you can see  
from the list given,

William Banks had a son  
James and <sup>also</sup> his son Wm  
has three sons named  
James, John and Wm.

These three men are living  
and I have been in cor-  
respondence with John  
and have the address of the  
other two.



October 5, 1929

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
435 Powell Street  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

I was very glad to hear from you again and take this occasion to send you some information which will be helpful in tracing your family line.

About thirty years ago a Mrs. Hitchcock of Cambridge, Mass. wrote two large biographies of the Hanks family. She was never able to have them published, however, and they are now in my hands. Also, all the correspondence and documents which she gathered at that time. This is probably the finest collection of Hanks manuscripts in America today.

I am now at work trying to find out who was the grandfather of William Hanks from whom you are descended. We know the father's name was Joseph, but we are not positive about the grandfather's name.

You may feel sure that any information you may give me relative to the Hanks or Lincoln families will be greatly appreciated, and I should be pleased to cooperate with you in any way you may suggest in helping to compile this information about this interesting family.

I do not believe that Nancy Hanks was a sister of William Hanks, but I think she was a daughter of William Hanks' older brother who probably was named James.

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Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.



Henderson Ky  
Oct. 16, 1929.

Mr. Louis A. Warren:  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I received your letter of the fifteenth of Oct. and wish to thank you very much for <sup>the</sup> splendid list of genealogy which you gave me.

I have delayed in answering in order to get some information of value along the line of James Hanks. I have not been very successful thus far however.

I am enclosing a leaflet which will perhaps be interesting to you and from which I secured the names of some of the people with whom I have been corresponding. It seems difficult to get anything definite, as these men are so old and have only a hazy memory of things.

James Hanks a brother of the two mentioned lives in Tobasco, Clermont

County Ohio, and I have written to him, but as yet have not received a reply. I also have a friend in Cloverport who is trying to get some information for me. I have also written the Richard Carter mentioned, thinking perhaps he might solve the half brother proposition, but have had no answer yet.

In Vol. 1. of History of Ky edited by Judge Charles Kerr I found an affidavit signed by John Hanks in 1898 and stating that ~~he~~ <sup>page</sup> was then 75 years. He was bearing testimony to something which he did in 1789. I also found a deed made to John Hanks in 1811, for 400 acres of land in Hopkins County. The first had reference to a place near where Louisa now is, on the Tug Fork river, and was first published in Mr. Ely's work on the Big Sandy.

I will send you what information I am able to gather and hope you have found who Joseph Hanks father was. Have you any record of any revolutionary service by him?

I have a copy of the piece published about the article which Mr Leaf holds and is mentioned in the leaflet very briefly.

We had a big historical celebration here in Henderson Oct. 11-12 and Mr Coleman from the Ind. State Historical Society was one of the speakers.

Since you do not have the date of the marriage of Nancy Hanks to Levi Hall, ~~the~~ ~~you~~ no record of any marriage of the second Nancy Hanks could it be possible that it was she who married Levi Hall? It seems to have been the impression in the families of Elizabeth Meadors and brother, Wm Hanks that Nancy Lincoln was their aunt. However I am searching every where I can think of for the possibility of a James Hanks who was her father. Hope I will have some more definite information soon.

very truly

P.S.

Mrs. C. R. Galloway.

If you have any suggestions as to a plan to follow please let me know.







James Hanks was a half brother of his father William. His Uncle, he says married Charity Robbins, and to them were born four children. James H. was killed by a falling tree, and his widow married John Purvil. and a son Alexander was born to them. He gave me the address of this son, and states that he has heard his father say that Nancy H. Lincoln was his Aunt and Abraham Lincoln his Cousin.

I will try to get some first hand information as to where the Hanks family came from and will let you know if I succeed.

you may be glad to know that my family is also connected with Jefferson Davis on my mother's side ~~also~~, but I do not know just how where this comes in.

Yours Very Sincerely.

Mrs. C. R. Galloway.

Henderson, Ky.

Nov. 8, 1929

Mr Louis A Warren,  
7th. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

I am enclosing a Clipping which may contain the information which you need. I have written to this place addressed to the Post Master but have had no reply as yet.

I have had a letter from James Hanks previously mentioned, and he tells me that his grandfather Gorm was twice married and that his uncle

November 6, 1929

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
435 Powell Street  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

Will you please accept my thanks for the items enclosed in your last letter and also the information about some of the Hanks connections.

Would it be possible for you to learn from any of the descendants of the elder Hanks what County they formerly lived in in Virginia before coming to Kentucky? This seems to be very important just now in tracing the family line.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.



January 2, 1933

W. H. H. H. H.  
and family  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mr. H. H. H.

Will you please accept my thanks for the letter  
concerning the new letter and also the information  
about some of the other members.

There is no question in my mind that the  
of the knowledge of the other things that I have  
learned from the other members and the  
this time in my letter and the other things  
I have learned.

Sincerely,  
W. H. H. H.

W. H. H. H.  
Henderson, Kentucky

W. H. H. H.



Henderson, Ky.  
Dec. 19, 1929.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:

I have not been able to learn through my Hanks relatives from what County in Va. my Hanks ancestors came.

James Hanks does not know, but tells me that his grandfather lived in Hart Co. when his grandmother died. His brother John W. Hanks is named for Col. John Wilson who lived on Bacon Creek in Hart Co. He is not sure what his grandmother's name was,

though he thinks it was <sup>either</sup> Hall, Wilson  
or Bardleston. He also says it was not  
his uncle John Hanks who was associated  
with Lincoln in Ind. and Ill.

Since I wrote you last, I have carefully  
read Mr Wm E Bartons, Life of Abraham  
Lincoln and also his dedication speech  
at Mikes Run, Mineral Co. W. Va. I have  
also read closely the Bulletin of Lincoln  
Lore. From the study of these, I believe  
there were two Hanks families in Ky. by  
or before 1796.

Mr Barton I think, is right in his state-  
ment that Wm Hanks owned land in  
Grayson Co. on Rough Creek. Those names  
are familiar to me, and my great grand  
mother, Elizabeth Hanks Meador is buried  
just <sup>a few miles</sup> over the line in Ohio Co.

I note his claim also that Lucy Hanks  
is the mother of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, and  
that he presents the marriage bond of <sup>1790</sup>  
Lucy Hanks to Henry Sparrow, as proof of <sup>in Mercer Co. Va.</sup>  
her existence. In our Henderson Library  
I find the Ky. Historical magazines of  
1921 and in one of these is a list of

Henderson, Ky.  
June 8, 1930.

Mr. Louis A. Warren,  
7th Wayne Ind.

Dear Sir:

Do you have any specific information as to the residence and migration of Wm. Hanks. son of <sup>the</sup> Joseph, who died in Nelson County <sup>Ind</sup> 1793. Mr Barton in his 'Lineage of Lincoln' states that ~~she~~ died in Ill. about 1857 or 1852. That does not coincide with the information which I have gained. We think our great grand father lived about 1830, and and perhaps died in McCatur, Co. Ind. I am sure he married a Wilson daughter of John Wilson who died near Munfordsville Hart Co. Ky.

Hart Co. records have been destroyed by fire but this territory was part of Hardin when Wm Hanks lived there I may be able to get something from Hardin County records. If you can give me any information I will gladly



marriage bonds of Woodford  
Co. which joins Mercer. In this  
list are the following.

Geo. Hanks To Lucy Mitchel

Oct. 6. 1791.

Elijah Hanks To Winifred Bryant

Mar. 4 - 1792

Lucy Hanks was closer to Woodford  
than Nelson. She married ~~in~~ Apr. 3  
1791. Why was her son named George?

James Hanks is 81 years old  
and of course his memory can not be  
exact, but it may yield some good  
clues upon which to work. His father  
was 76 years of age when he died and  
has been dead, my mother says 31 years.  
He says 35. Hoping you may ~~be~~  
able to use this information.  
I am. Respectfully Mrs. C. R. Galloway



Wilmington.  
Gunsburg.  
Henderson, Ky.  
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pay for the service and would like  
to have any copies of 'Lincoln Lore,' bearing  
upon the subject of lineage. and will  
be glad to pay any subscription price  
for same. My great grand father Jubal  
Meador was born in Bedford Co. Va. in  
1800 and married <sup>2nd</sup> Elizabeth Hanks <sup>1830</sup>  
in Ky. about 1825 but I have not  
been able to find the marriage record.  
I shall appreciate any information which  
you can furnish me.

Very Truly,

Mrs. C. R. Galloway.

425 Powell St.  
Henderson, Ky.



June 10, 1930

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
435 Powell Street  
Henderson, Ky.

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

Since writing to you I have learned that John W. Holcomb of Greensburg, Indiana, has gathered a lot of information on the William Hanks family.

I think he would be very glad indeed to get in touch with you and if you will write him I think he can answer your question relative to the removal of William Hanks to Decatur County, Indiana.

I have a great many Harding County records here which I copy from the originals and at my convenience I will try and compile such Hanks records as I think may be of interest to you. We are also sending you under this cover such back numbers of Lincoln Lore as refer to the Hanks family and placing your name on our mailing list for subsequent copies of this bulletin.

There will be no charge for this item, as everything this foundation does is gratis.

Of course, we should be pleased to learn at all times of new material coming into your hands about the Hanks family as we plan ultimately to publish a genealogy of this family.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VY

Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

Abner

Richmond Co. Va.

Henderson, Ky.

Oct. 12, 1930.

Mr. Louis A. Warren.

77 Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir: -

I am sending you the data which I have obtained on the Hanks-Wilson family. This Wm. Hanks is <sup>Abner</sup> said to be brother of Abner Hanks. ~~He~~ had revolutionary record and was born in Richmond Co. Va.

I have Certified Copy of the Marriage records of each connection in my line.

I am enclosing some notes from the records of Breck. Co. Ky which may be of interest to you. I spent a half day at the Court house there, which was very inadequate time to make much investigation.

Hope these records will be some help to you.

Very Truly

435 Powell St.

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Mrs. C. R. Galloway.



Wilson to land

Earliest sure record is deed from Green Clay  
to John Wilson in Madison Co. May 1788

Hart Co. death record. Ky. Hist Magazine

James Wilson - born in Madison Co. son of  
John & — Wilson - died Nov, 30 - 1857 age 71  
date of birth 1786.

Hart Co. Tax List 1819

James Wilson - 4 1/2 A & river.

" " 9 lots Woodsonville

John Wilson - 178 A, Bacon Cr.

Wm. Wilson - 150 A. Bacon Cr.

John Wilson had three sons

~~Wm.~~ James - John - At least one  
daughter - Margaret.

Wm Hanks to Margaret Wilson

Dec. 28th 1797. Madison Co.

Consent of father John Wilson.

Children

Dec. 9. 1870.

Elizabeth Born between 1797-1802 died

Margaret (Peggy)

Femima

Nancy

John Born 1802

William " 1804 died 1900

John Wilson & son-in-law Wm Hanks  
removed to Bacon Cr. section, then Hardin Co.  
shortly a little later than 1800.

There Margaret Wilson Hanks died about  
1812. Wm Hanks married a second wife  
whose name I have not learned. To them  
a son James was born. Before 1819  
Wm Hanks removed to Bre. Co or that  
vicinity. There Elizabeth married  
Jubal Meador - (Meadows)

May 10. 1821

Sons	daughters
John	Elizabeth
Wm.	Margaret
Thomas	Rhoda married H. W. Carville
James	Elizabeth

Dec. 27. 1853.

John Hanks married

lived in Bre Co. near Hardinsburg.

sons

James  
Samuel

daughters

Elizabeth Courtney  
Jemima married Luther Nowel  
Hulda

Wm Hanks born 1804 married about 1824

Elizabeth Knatyear of Madison Co.

removed to Decatur Co. Ind. Thence

about 1828 to Iowa - about 1861 came back

to Bre Co. Ky. Thence to Perry Co. Ind. Thence

to Jackson - Decatur - Tipton and back to

Bre Co. Ky. died there in 1900.

sons

Burrell - John W.  
Jacob - Wm B.  
James

daughters

Mary - Artie  
Emeline -  
Rebecca -



Jemima Hanks married A. P. Robbins  
in 1831 - Leicesters Co. Ind.

John W. Holcomb may be able to  
furnish names of their family.

Margaret (Peggy) married Thomas Courtney

I have very little information on  
this family. a daughter Mary Jane  
married Luther Howell Brec. Co. whose  
second wife was Hulda Hanks daugh. of  
John above mentioned.

There was another daughter whose  
name I am not sure about. I believe  
it was Nancy who married Jacob Robbins  
and removed to Leicesters Co.

James son of second marriage, married  
Charity Robbins. Had one son

Wm killed by falling tree sometime  
as his father in 1842, Leicesters Co.

Daughters.

Elizabeth

Jemima

Hallie "

The elder Wm Hanks removed to Leicesters  
Co. Ind while his son Wm lived there  
but later came back to Brec. Co Ky, died  
there about 1851 or 1852.

Abraham Lincoln is said to have



attended a Hanks reunion near  
Greensburg about 1858. The 2nd Wm  
was living in Iowa then. Note that  
<sup>a Lincoln</sup> ~~he~~ said in his biography of 1868. That  
relatives of the Hanks <sup>name</sup> were living in  
Iowa.

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Abner Hanks had two sons  
Luke & Wm.

Luke Hanks sons - John & Henry.  
John married in Bre. Co. Caroline Howe  
or Rollins. There was a daughter named  
Fannie - married Canary - Two sons  
half brothers <sup>& Fannie</sup> - Taylor & Booley.  
Taylor married - Annie Ricketts,  
son & daughter  
Robert & Myra.

Wm had three sons - John, Wm  
James.

I have no information on them.

October 17, 1930

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

I was very much interested indeed in receiving your letter containing so many items about the Hanks family. I should be very glad indeed to incorporate this information in the contemplated Hanks book and I trust we will be able to show a close relation between this William Hanks and the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln.

Thanking you again for your interest and this new contribution to our information about the Hanks family, I am

Respectfully yours,

LAN:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.



Children of

Jubal + Elizabeth Hanko Meador (Meador)  
married May 10, 1821. Brec. Co. Ky.  
Fannie Boyer

John - married - Nancy Hall - Martha Askins -  
Thomas - " Rhoda Clemmons  
James W. " America Matthews - Mattie Herndon  
Wm. " ———— died early in life

Eliza - married - Isaac Parson - Jan. 31, 1839  
Margaret - " - Thomas Overton  
Rhoda - " - G. W. Corwile - Dec 28 - 1853  
Elizabeth - " - Wm McCanne

Laura B. Corwile to A. N. McCoy  
Dec. 25. 1879.

Grace Lee McCoy to C. R. Galloway  
Apr. 22, 1917.



August 2, 1938

Mrs. C. R. Galloway  
435 Powell Street  
Henderson, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Galloway:

Thank you very much for your letter, which helps to straighten out one line of the Hanks family, and we are hoping through our new publication to be able to gather enough information to make it possible some day to publish a book on the Hankses.

Thanking you for this and former courtesies, I am

Very truly yours,

LAW: EB

Director

JOHN W. HOLCOMB  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

GREENSBURG, INDIANA, May 12 1930 19

Dr. Louis A. Warren,  
Fort Wayne, Ind.

My Dear Sir:-

I have been very much interested in your broadsides Lincoln Lore. For many years I have been interested in knowing the Lincoln lineage, especially as to the Hanks family, and have given considerable time in looking into the matter. I have read all of Dr. Barton's books on the subject. Have compared his statements with others and I am convinced now that he is somewhat in error as to some things he says about it.

No one, so far as I know, has ever traced the Hanks family history in this (Decatur County, Indiana), except my self.

Being a descendent of the Hanks family myself, naturally I have been interested in it.

I have seen no statement in all the writings of different persons of what became of Jacob Robbins, who married Nancy Hanks, or of William Hanks, the grandson of Joseph Hanks though his son William.

I was very much pleased to see in your number 55 of Lincoln Lore of April 28 you mention Jacob Robbins, who married Nancy Hanks, daughter of William Hanks. Your statement is correct.

This Jacob Robbins and William Hanks, the second, both came to Decatur County, Indiana. William is buried in an unmarked grave in this county. Jacob Robbins, in his old age went to Scott County, Indiana, where he had lived in his younger years, and is believed to be buried there.

The Robbins and Hanks families are very much related and intermarried from the Time of Jacob on down, as records here show.

All came to this county from Hardin and adjacent counties in Kentucky.

Jacob Robbins was a son of William Robbins of Virginia? Jacob is also believed to have been born in Virginia. Jacob had several brothers, among them Abel, Aaron, Philip, William, Absolom and James, and some sisters. Jacob Robbins came to this county in 1828, but for a time prior thereto had lived in Scott County, Indiana. He lived in this county until about 1853 when he returned to Scott County. There is no record that this Jacob Robbins entered land in this county, but his son Jacob Robbins did enter land, as shown in attached memoranda. The second Jacob Robbins lived in this county until 1852 when he sold out and moved to Oregon.

William Hanks did not come to this county until after some of his family had come. Some say he came about 1844. He bought several different tracts of land and died about the latter part of the fiftys. His wife was named Elizabeth, but I have not so far been able to get her maiden name, but will get it sometime.

William had several children, among them William, James and Jemima. His children began to marry into the Robbins family again, James Hanks married Charity Robbins and Jemima Hanks marrying Absolom Robbins, the second, my great grandfather.

I am herewith enclosing some data or memoranda of marriages, land entries and conveyances, showing the close relation of the Robbins and Hanks family of this county.



2.

I have a short history of the Robbins family of this county, written by William F. Robbins about ten years ago, shortly before his death, in which William F. Robbins makes the statement that Nancy Hanks Robbins was an own cousin to Abraham Lincoln.

If he is correct in his statement then then old William Hanks who married Elizabeth Hall, and Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln must have been brothers and sisters, and not Lucy Hanks as the mother Nancy Hanks mother of Lincoln.

So many of the Robbins of this county are related to the Hanks family in two different ways. Some through the marriage of Nancy and Jacob Robbins and some through the marriages of William Hanks's children with Robbins'es.

I am preparing a paper on the Robbins and Hanks families to be read at our family re-union next August, and I will keep a copy of it and send it to you at that time.

Very truly yours,

*John W. Holcomb*

P. S. In 1841 James Hanks, son of William, died in this county. Nathaniel Robbins was his administrator. In order to more fully show the connection of the Robbins and Hanks family I herewith send you the sale bill of his estate that you may see who were the purchasers of property at the sale. After looking it over I would be glad if you would return it to me.

In 1856 James Hanks had a son William who died. This William died with out issue. Jacob F. Robbins was administrator of his estate. His estate was divided, going to his mother Charity and his sisters Jemima, Mahala and Elizabeth.

The Hanks name has died out in this county and there is no one now bearing the name of Hanks in the county. But there are many families related to them.



William Hanks, the Second.

William Hanks, son of William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks, born in Kentucky about 1804. Married Elizabeth Kanatyar (Sometimes spelled Knatyar). Moved to Decatur County, Indiana about 1830. Died at Cloverport, Ky. in 1900 aged 96 years.

His children are as follows in the order of their birth:

1. Mary Jane Hanks, married William Meredith in Decatur County, Ind. in 1848.
2. Jacob Hanks, named for Jacob Robbins, married Mary Jackson in Decatur County, Indiana, in 1856.
3. Artemishie Hanks, married Elcana Evans in Decatur County, Ind., in 1857.
4. Burrell Hanks, married Emiley E. McKinney, in Decatur County, Indiana in 1857. Burrell died Nov. 7 1859.
5. Emily Hanks, married John G. Pulse in Decatur County, Indiana, in 1871.
6. Rebecca Hanks. No record of her marriage.
7. James Hanks, born about 1842, married )))))))Jones, living at Tobasco, Clermont County, Ohio.
8. John W. Hanks, married Emily Meredith in Decatur County, Indiana, in 1872.
9. William B. Hanks, married Margaret Orr in Decatur County, Indiana in 1872.

Contributed by John W. Holcomb,  
Greensburg, Ind.

Data as to marriages, land entries, and deeds, of the Hanks and Robbins families of Decatur County, Indiana.

Marriages.

Absolom Robbins to Jemima Hanks, December 26 1831. Record B-121  
(Jemima, daughter of William Hanks).

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Jacob Robbins, Jr. to Sarah Spillman, March 23 1833. Record B-207  
( This Jacob was son of Jacob and Nancy Hanks Robbins).

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James Hanks to Charity Robbins, June 12 1837. Record B -37  
( James, son of William Hanks, the second).

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Jacob Hanks to Mary Jackson. March 13 1856. Record H 270  
Elizabeth Hanks to Merit C. Welsh, Oct. 17 1848. Record G Page 147  
Elizabeth Hanks to James A. Skinner, Feb. 17 1858. Record H 458.  
Mahala Hanks to George W. Skinner, Feb. 7 1861. Record I Page 139  
Jemima Hanks to George Vantreese, Sept. 11 1864. Record I Page 416.  
(Last three named Hanks women were daughters of James Hanks).

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Land entries in Decatur County, Indiana.

U. S. to William Robbins, Aug. 27 1821  
U. S. to Hardin Robbins. December 8 1835.  
U. S. to James Hanks. May 24 1837.  
U. S. to James Hall. August 20 1835.  
U. S. to Nathaniel Robbins. Jan. 2 1834  
U. S. to Absolom Robbins. Jan. 24 1837.  
U. S. to Marmaduke Robbins. Jan. 26 1836.  
U. S. to Jacob Robbins. Aug. 19 1836 (Son of Jacob and Nancy Hanks Robbins).  
U. S. to Micajah Robbins. Dec. 30 1836.  
(His wife was Elizabeth gentry, of Hardin County, Ky? said to be a relative of the Hanks and Lincolns, but in what way I do not know).  
All the above persons came from the Hanks-Lincoln country of Ky.

(Sent by John W. Holcomb, Greensburg, Indiana.)

A few deed records in Decatur County, Indiana.

Hardin Robbins and Elizabeth, his wife, to James Hanks  
June 1 1837. Deed Record F Page 180

Jacob Robbins and Sarah, his wife, to Jonathan Robbins.  
April 9 1843. Deed Record L Page 470  
(This is Jacob Robbins, son of Jacob and Nancy Hanks Robbins).

William Hanks and Elizabeth, his wife, to Nathaniel Robbins.  
August 21 1843. Deed Record M Page 1843.  
(Son of William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks).

William Hanks and Elizabeth, his wife, to Jacob Robbins.  
October 20 1845. Deed Record N. Page 83.

Jacob Robbins and Sarah, his wife, to William Hanks.  
March 10 1852. Deed Record T Page 332.  
(Conveyance made just before Jacob and family moved to Oregon).

Jacob Robbins and Sarah, his wife, of Marion County, Oregon Territory  
power of Attorney to William Robbins, to sell remainder of his land  
in Decatur County, Indiana.  
September 11 1853. Deed Record U Page 693.



May 15, 1930

Mr. John W. Holcomb  
Greensburg, Indiana

My dear Mr. Holcomb:

I am especially glad that you are doing some work on the Indiana branch of the Hanks family.

Although I have gathered much material about them, the relationships seem to be quite vague in my own mind.

If you have not already been in correspondence with Miss Ipha Robbins of Molalla, Oregon, I am sure that she can give you a complete story about the Robbins family in which you are interested. Together, I believe you can work out a fine family history and I should be very glad to have an opportunity to read over it when you have completed it.

There are also other branches of this family which can be easily traced, and if you are interested in the genealogy of the William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks group, I should be glad to cooperate with you in working out that problem.

I find that I have in my notes the fact that John Hanks in the 1830 census was then between 30 and 40 years of age and his wife was between 20 and 30 years of age. They had two sons and three daughters under 15 years of age.

I also find in the Decatur County census for 1830 the name of James Hanks and his wife, both under 20 years of age.

I have been very much interested in the record you enclosed and should be glad to learn of your progress in tracing this interesting family.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

Henderson, Ky.

July 29. 1938

Mr. Louis A Warren,

Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Sir:-

In Lincoln Lore Bulletin of  
June 13, 1938, no 479 you list  
Elizabeth Hanks Meadow (meador) as  
the daughter of Wm. and Elizabeth  
Hall Hanks. This is not correct. She is  
the daughter of Wm. & Margaret Wilson  
Hanks who married in Madison Co. <sup>Ky.</sup> in  
1797, as is, Wm. Hanks who married Eliz.  
Kratzear in same Co. in 1827 Their son,  
They lived in Madison, Hart, & Brec.  
Co Ky & Meatur Co Ind. but both these  
Williams died in Breckinridge Co, Ky.  
The elder about 1851 or 52 and the younger  
in 1900. I do not know what their kin-  
ship to Nancy Hanks Lincoln was but  
they claimed a close relationship. This  
elder Wm had a second wife Elizabeth  
Loyd of Madison Co. Ky. m. in 1811. He was  
a brother of Abraham Hanks Clarke,  
and Abner Hanks who died in Johnson Co.  
Ind. The records of Clark, Madison &  
Henry Co Ky. would probably yield some  
information.

Respectfully,

Mrs. C. R. Galloway.

435 Powell St.



Hanks

August 29, 1941

Mr. A.D. Ehlert  
3909 Swiss  
Dallas, Tex.

Dear Mr. Ehlert:

Thank you very much for your further information about the Hanks family and especially for calling to our attention the typographical error which was made, in which we mentioned John instead of Jacob, a very common mistake.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director



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Rte. 3, Bx. 713

Salem, Ore.

3-8-45

My dear Dr. Warren:

In studying the Robbins branch of my family's story, I come across a printed History of Jacob Robbins & Sarah Spillman, by Harvey Robbins, their son. According to this narrative, the family of Jacob Robbins escaped from the "old Pigeon Roost" massacre. Jacob, still a boy, "bound" to a kinsman, ran away & returned to Ky., from Ind. Finding Ky. kin all departed, "he finally located Abe Lincoln's people who lived not far away. Abe being his second cousin, they soon became warm friends. The Lincolns were poor... & Jacob determined not to become a burden to them. He spent a day planning his future course, the outcome of which he confided to his cousin Abe."

While I do not take this family tradition too seriously, I wondered if you might, without any considerable research, furnish me any related data on this.

Thank you for supplying me so generously with issues of Lincoln lore recently missed (during 1944). I have not been receiving those for '45, however.

I was sorry not to be able to hear you speak in Portland recently.

Yours truly,  
Theodore E.

Merritt

over,  
please

P.S. Since writing the foregoing, I have found a Hanks-Robbins connection in Lincoln lore of June 13, 1938, #479. As I understand the latter, a Nancy Hanks, dau. of Wm. & Eliz. Hanks, m. one Jacob Robbins. This Wm. Hanks was a 1st cousin of Lincoln's mother. Jacob Robbins, of the opposite page, was b. in Breckinridge Co., Ky., in 1809, thus being a contemporary of Lincoln & of some of Nancy Hanks Lincoln's first cousins.

If you should have data on Jacob Robbins & his kin, I should greatly appreciate it.

T. E. M.



Hanks

March 23, 1945

Mr. Theodore E. Merritt  
Route #3, Box 713  
Salem, Oregon

My dear Mr. Merritt:

There are so many Hankses in the country, and many of them Nancy Hankses, that there is still very much confusion about the identity of some of them. It now appears that Nancy Hanks who married Jacob Robbins was the daughter of William and Margaret Wilkeson Hanks.

Probably the best posted people on this branch of the family are Mrs. P. R. Galloway, Henderson, Kentucky, and Mr. John W. Holcomb

Either one of these people I am very sure would be very happy indeed to correspond with you about the Robbins family marrying into the Hanks family.

Very truly yours,

LAW:WM

Director

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MRS. W. E. BACH

GENEALOGIST AND COMPILER OF KENTUCKY HISTORICAL RECORDS  
SPECIALIZING IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN KENTUCKY RECORDS

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LEXINGTON 23, KENTUCKY

July 18, 1949

Lincoln Life Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Attention: Dr. Louis A. Warren

Dear Dr. Warren:

I hope you were not disappointed when you returned on Wednesday and found me gone. I had hoped to stay another day but it seemed I found the checking I did on Tuesday about covered the things I wanted most - unless there was something I did not find.

First I want to say how very <sup>glad</sup> ~~pleased~~ I am to have had the privilege of seeing you and being with you on Monday and I do appreciate so very much your helping me and taking your time with me.

The biggest thing I found that it seems has put me to thinking now as to whether or not William Hanks is "My Abraham's Father or not"? - is that record on one Abraham Hanks who signed that deed in Amelia Co., Va. in 1767 and then died the same year. Could he have been the Father of My Abraham? I would like to have your opinion on this?

If you ever get anything that would help me to establish "My Abraham Hanks" parentage - I will appreciate hearing from you - in the meantime - I am planning as fast as possible to begin from the bottom here in Kentucky.

Have you ever heard of the Song, "Wedlock" which was supposed to have been written by Abraham Lincoln? This was told by Dennis Hanks but I would like to know if you have such a copy? If so I would like to have a copy if I can get it.

While there the young lady showed me a large picture of Abraham Lincoln which is put out by your Company and I did not accept one as I thought then it was too large - I did take one of the smaller ones. If I might have one of the larger ones - I will appreciate it very much.

If I can be of any help to you in Kentucky - wont you please call on me. I will be so glad to try to return your favors.

Thanking you again for my nice visit in your Office, and Museum. I am,

Sincerely yours

*Mrs. W. E. Bach*  
Mrs. W. E. Bach



July 22, 1949

Mrs. W.E. Bach  
165 Bell Court West  
Lexington, 23, Kentucky

My dear Mrs. Bach:

We were pleased, indeed, to have you pay us a visit and of course I was disappointed that you could not stay with us longer, as I think possibly with my assistance we may have found some few more items you might have wished to have gone over.

I have given a lot of thought to the William Hanks and Abraham Hanks connection but cannot as yet bring myself to make a decision on it. However, I will get into the records again and see what luck I have.

I think the little poem supposed to have been written by Lincoln entitled "Wedlock" is purely traditional, and probably copied by Lincoln from some other source.

We are happy to make available the largest picture of Abraham Lincoln, and we are sending it under separate cover.

Yours very truly,

LAW:EB

Director



(not being genuine)

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